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REMARKS

Claims 2-9 are pending. Claim 2 is amended and claims 4 and 10-21 are canceled without prejudice.

In the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005, claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 2 to incorporate the limitations of claim 4. In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully submit the claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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